

J.D. Patton ATC Continues Winning Tradition at 2004 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills State Finals

The 2004 Ford/AAA Auto Skills State Competition was held on April 22 at Heritage Hall in Lexington, KY. A total of ten two-member student teams competed.

“Each team was assigned a vehicle of identical make containing identical ‘bugs’ and a maximum of 90 minutes to correct the problems,” says Todd Nickens, academic consultant for transportation programs in the Department for Technical Education. “The ten schools were chosen based upon the ten highest scores on an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) style automotive technology test and this year’s competition was extremely competitive.”

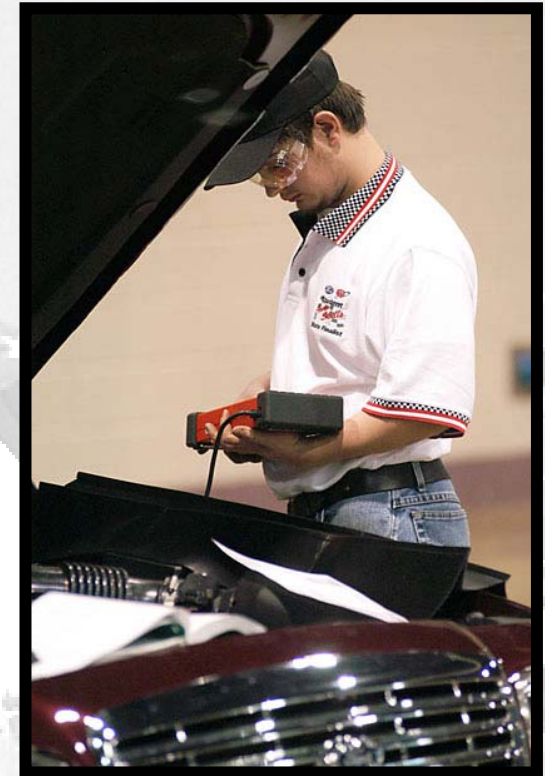
Finishing in first place was J.D Patton ATC. Under the direction of Instructor Dave Shelton, the student team consisted of James Arrowood and Jared Habermehl. They are now eligible to compete in the national competition to be held in Dearborn, Michigan this June.

Second place went to Harrodsburg ATC students Brandon Yocum and Brett Yost who are taught by Instructor Roc Moore. Third place went to Meade Co. ATC students Andrew Youart and Harley Jupin who are taught by Instructor Donald Dix. In addition to their third place finish, Meade Co. ATC students also received the award for highest score on the written test. Congratulations to all who participated in the contest.



J.D. Patton ATC's Jared Habermehl, left and James Arrowood pose with the first place trophy.

The Competition





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First Place:
J.D. Patton ATC



Second Place: Harrodsburg ATC



**Third Place and Winner of Highest Score
for Written Exam: Meade Co. ATC**